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1. The airfield was east of Brody (25°10' E/50°5' N), Ukrainian SSR, north of the railroad line to Rovno (26°13' E/50°37' N), and bordered by woods on the north. No concrete runway but a 30 x 75-meter workshop, underground tank installations and boundary lights existed.
2. The field was occupied mostly by IL-2s, some U-2s and transports.
3. The airfield east of Brody, along the Brody Forest, between railroad line and road, was occupied by IL-2s.
4. A ground attack pilot school was on the southern perimeter of the town, west of the road to Lvov (24°0' E/49°50' N). The school building was a former Polish artillery barracks consisting of a five-story 40x150-meter barracks building and four stables which were being converted into garages by PWs. Five hundred to eight hundred air force soldiers were quartered there.
5. Soviet guard details said that a Soviet ground attack pilot school was stationed in Brody.
6. Training: first on U-2s, then on IL-2s and at last releasing of live bombs and firing from aircraft weapons. Not more than nine planes were seen in the air at the same time.

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7. Air maneuvers were observed in the summer of 1947. Large formations of four-engine planes escorted by fighters practiced area bombing. After the release of bombs about 500 paratroopers jumped from a second formation at an altitude of about 250 meters. Tinfoils were thrown from all formations participating in the maneuver.

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a. The [REDACTED] agree on the location and occupation of the airfield. The occupation of the field by a training unit for ground attack pilots may be considered confirmed up to late-1947.

b. The information that maneuvers were concluded in the summer of 1947 with four-engine planes escorted by fighters which practiced bombing is considered credible. The reported dropping of tinfoils for jamming purposes is also believed correct. It is, however, probable that the tinfoils were only thrown from the bomber formation and not from the transport formation carrying paratroopers.

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